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Rainfall creates action, hazardous water conditions

Boaters and fisherman asked to exercise caution

Detroit — Due to recent rainfall over the Lake Winnebago watershed and the upriver lakes, the level of Lake Winnebago has risen above the desired level for this time of the year.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has directed that all tainter gates at the Menasha and Neenah Dams be open in order to avoid excessively high lake levels over the next week. As a result, high discharges from Lake Winnebago and potentially hazardous water conditions along the river are expected.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is advising boaters and shore fishermen to use caution when navigating on Lake Winnebago and the Lower Fox River from Menasha to Green Bay. The outflows are currently 10,000-11,000 cubic feet per second and are expected to remain near this range through the weekend. Boaters should exercise extreme caution when navigating near dams, especially near the Menasha Dam, Appleton Upper Dam, Little Kaukauna and DePere Dam. High water levels on Little Lake Butte Des Morts and hazardous currents in the Lower Fox River are expected to continue for the next one to two weeks.

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